

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL  
B.S.A.

DATE 3/6/65

Full Name HUGHES, [REDACTED] TYRONE CHARLES HUGHES

(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address 11 Washington

City Suffern

State New York

Age 42 (This is important and should be exact)

Approximate age \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

Religion METHODIST Nationality U.S.A.

Occupation USED FURNITURE SHOP, LIGHT TRUCKING, SCHOOL BUS DRIVER

Education HIGH SCHOOL (FINISHED IN SERVICE)

Weight 170 Color WHITE Height 5' 9 1/2"

Color of hair BROWN Color of eyes BLUE

Outstanding characteristics or interests BOATS, ARCHERY, COINS, OUTDOOR

Married or single SINGLE Children \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name \_\_\_\_\_

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

Unit #	City	State	Office	Date Reg'd.	Date resigned
<u>123</u>	<u>SUFFERN</u>	<u>N.Y.</u>	<u>S.M.</u>		

Special recognition NONE

Recommended for Confidential File for following reasons:

*detained 11 mos. 29 days in County Jail at Garden N.Y. in 1955  
for "Impairing Morale of a Minor". Prison record substantiated  
by Spring Valley, N.Y. Chief of Police Adam Kramlich*

Signed Ronald R. Ransley  
Scout Executive

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FOR INTRA-ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATION

May 25, 1965

Mr. Ronald G. Pannell  
Scout Executive  
Rockland County Council, No. 683

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
Re: T. Charles Hughes,  
Scoutmaster, Troop 123

Dear Ron:

Upon my return from the Annual Meeting, I was made aware of the fact that last week both you and the Chief of Police, Adam Kainak, called this office concerning Charles Hughes, about whom you and I had previous correspondence and conversation. I am sorry to learn that your message indicated that Hughes was to be placed on the Confidential File immediately and removed from probation. Will you please advise me, just as quickly as you possibly can - and this is important - the nature of the latest information concerning Hughes. I need this almost immediately and will appreciate receiving complete and detailed facts which caused you to indicate this latest action should now be taken.

Thank you for bringing this to our attention and we will look forward to hearing from you immediately.

Cordially,  
PERSONNEL DIVISION

Howard Boyd  
Director of Registration

HB:vhu

*P.S. I'm informed by local authorities, he is in County Jail, awaiting trial. Has sold his business and "he knew he would be convicted". Looks like a long stay this time.*

*Ren.*

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*File*  
**Memo**

*Hughes*  
From  
**RON PANNELL**  
Scout Executive

To *Howard Boyd*:

Dear Howard:

*Sorry, but here's another  
one to add to the Charles  
Hughes folder.*

*Cordially,*

*Ron.*

## Grand Jury Returns Indictment Against Suffern Scoutmaster

By ANIA BOJOUN  
Journal-News Staff Writer

A Suffern scoutmaster was indicted yesterday by the Rockland County Grand Jury on charges of second degree sodomy of two Suffern youngsters.

The crime was allegedly committed by Charles Hughes, 43, of 11 Washington Ave., Suffern, on April 10 in the Village. Hughes, also a school bus driver in the Suffern area, was arrested May 19 on a complaint by the children's parents.

Hughes, now in custody in the county jail in New City, is

expected to be arraigned Monday before County Judge Herbert E. Henion.

Also indicted yesterday was Roman Rodriguez, 31, of 14 S. Main St., Spring Valley, on charges of unlawful possession of a loaded .38-caliber revolver. He was arrested April 2 following a brawl in a Spring Valley tavern.

RODRIGUEZ was convicted one year ago yesterday on a charge of unlawful entry into a Spring Valley luncheonette. He was sentenced at the time to six months in the county jail.

In the third indictment handed up to Judge Henion, Kenneth Heller, 20, Nyack, was charged with third degree burglary of the Eureka Barber Shop, Suffern on May 11.

Heller's alleged accomplice, John Morgan Hicks, also of Nyack, was indicted on the same charge May 19.

The pair allegedly broke into the barber shop located on Orange Ave., Suffern opposite the Suffern police station.

Heller was arrested May 27 and is in the county jail. Hicks is being held there also.

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## Man Accused Of Sodomy

Charles Hughes, 43, of 11 Washington Ave., Suffern, is being held at the County Jail in New City on alleged sodomy charges against two young Suffern brothers.

Hughes, a scoutmaster, American Legion officer and a school bus driver for the past 15 years with Ramapo Valley Rapid Transit bus line which services the Ramapo Central No. 1 school district, was arrested by Suffern Police Wednesday night.

A warrant has been issued for his arrest by Village Police Justice George Torskins of Suffern. Hughes was committed to the County jail to wait action of the Grand Jury. No bail was set.

Hughes operates a used furniture store on Suffern's Lafayette Avenue.

5/20/65

Chief of Police Adam Kainak called concerning the Hughes case. He was mainly interested in the date of Hughes' trouble which is not definitely indicated in our records but apparently was eight or so years ago. Chief Kainak recalled verifying with the Goshen authorities the information he gave us and that was the extent of the conversation.



February 25, 1965

TWO YEAR - annual checkup

PROBATIONARY CASE

T. Charles Hughes  
Scoutmaster  
Troop #123

Ronald G. Pannell  
SE, Council 683

per Howard Boyd

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February 25, 1969

Mr. Ronald G. Fannell  
Scout Executive  
Rockland County Council, No. 683

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
Re: Charles Hughes

Dear Ron:

Thank you for your letter of February 15th concerning the above Scouter:

Upon your recommendation we are taking action to continue his registration as Scoutmaster of Troop No. 123. We are, however, putting Mr. Hughes on a two year probationary status with annual checkups from this office.

Enclosed is a confidential record sheet which we would appreciate your completing and returning to us so that we may complete our records regarding this situation.

Best regards,

Sincerely yours,  
PERSONNEL DIVISION

Howard Boyd  
Director of Registration

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Encl.

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## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

ROCKLAND COUNTY COUNCIL, Inc.  
82 MAPLE AVENUE, NEW CITY, N. Y. 10956

February 18, 1965

Mr. Howard Boyd  
Director of Registration  
National Council, Boy Scouts of America  
New Brunswick, New Jersey

*Charles Hughes*  
PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Howard:

As per our recent correspondence and phone conversations with reference to the above registered Scouter, now serving as Scoutmaster of Troop #123 of Suffern, N. Y., please accept the following as confirmation of our present agreement.

In consideration of the several written recommendations of his character, previously sent you from leading citizens of Suffern and officers and members of the American Legion sponsoring the post, we are agreeable to his being listed on probation for a period of two years, with periodic six months check-ups thru this office.

Paramount in this decision to continue his commissioning as a registered Scouter are two major factors. Firstly, that the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] apparently is a most unreliable and financially irresponsible character and thus his charges against [REDACTED] lose some value. Secondly, since six of the sponsoring legionnaires have sons currently registered in Troop #123 and know of Charles Hughes' record, of eight years ago, and are willing to have him serve as Scoutmaster we feel he will be under most rigid scrutiny and observation at all times.

In any camping excursions at our camp or in camporees, our staff likewise can observe him more rigidly than would otherwise be the case. One final confirmation, for the record, should be concluded. Mr. Hughes has offered to undergo psychiatric treatment at any time and place and at his own expense, if the case so warrants.

Thanks for the fine cooperation, Howard, in this naturally difficult personnel situation. We will all be happy, if he can prove himself worthy of the continued responsibilities of a Scouter over this next two years.

Cordially yours,

*Ron*  
Ronald G. Pannell  
Scout Executive

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January 20, 1965

Mr. Ronald G. Pannell  
Scout Executive  
Rockland County Council, No. 683

PERSONNEL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
Re: T. Charles Hughes

Dear Ron:

Is there anything further on the T. Charles Hughes situation?  
Have there been any developments since my telephone conversation  
with you on December 15th? We still have taken no action and will  
not, until we hear further from you.

Sincerely yours,  
PERSONNEL DIVISION

Howard Boyd  
Director of Registration

HB:mh

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## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

ROCKLAND COUNTY COUNCIL, Inc.  
82 MAPLE AVENUE, NEW CITY, N. Y.

December 9, 1964

Mr. Howard Boyd, Director  
Registration Service  
Personnel Division  
National Council, Boy Scouts of America  
New Brunswick, New Jersey

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Re: Charles Hughes, S. M. - Troop #123  
Suffern, New York

Dear Howard:

As you recall from my two previous phone calls, the [redacted] of this man, who has dropped his first name of "Tyrone", on moving to Suffern 7 or 8 years ago, [redacted] of Highland Falls, New York phoned our office last Wednesday to inform us that said Tyrone Charles Hughes, while in a retail business in Walden, New York was convicted and sentenced and served 11 months and 29 days in the Goshen, New York jail. The charge was "Impairing the Morals of a Minor".

We have, as a new District Training Chairman, Mr. Adam Krainak who happens to be Chief of Police of Spring Valley, New York. Following the three fruitless calls to National, Hudson-Delaware Council and Kingston Council, we asked Chief Krainak to verify this, which he very quickly did, by phone with Goshen, and came to our office to report said verification to his District Scout Executive, Joe Milutinovic, who had received the original call.

Feeling we had a routine, yet dangerous Scouter, I made two calls. First, to John H. Hunter, Jr., who was on our records as Commander of the sponsoring American Legion Post, who was very shocked yet cooperative and got the Troop Committee together that same night. Later called me back from that meeting, asking whether something could be done and would I talk with Hughes. Also informed me that in November they had just elected his successor Arden B. Walling as Commander of Post #859 and that he was going to register as Institutional Representative himself.

I called Hughes and of course told him the news, which he made no attempt to deny, only pleading to see me personally. Friday A. M. he came to my home, and spent three hours and was there when I phoned you the second time. His story is that he caught a boy stealing from his store in Walden and in an argument slapped him around and threw him out. This boy threatened to get even with him and got another chum to testify with him that he had abused them in his store on some previous date. Your directions that he should submit substantive evidence that he was incarcerated innocently he of course cannot do. Says he was

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a Methodist, so I called in to my home Rev. Edwin Muller, a Methodist Minister greatly skilled in prison work, family counselling, sociology etc. Under his questioning Charles, though crying most of the time, stuck to his story and begged on his knees for a chance to show he was leading a good life, had paid off all his lawyers fees etc., even though he almost went bankrupt and lost his fiancée also. He is still not married. Was willing to pay for a psychiatric examination also.

Since that time, my home life has been besieged with phone calls and letters. Charles says he personally went to every Committeeman and handled them all the details. Also says the Suffern Police Chief was called by his brother also and still writes the letter among those enclosed.

When I received the one from the V. P. of Rockland National Bank I felt it was high time to bother my President with this case for two reasons. Jim Collishaw is President of that bank and also lives in Suffern. At lunch with him yesterday, we reviewed the entire matter and letters and we together feel our National Office can do us a real service by issuing a precise ruling in this case. Only one man in the Troop Committee, Richard B. Meyer has been hostile and downright nasty to me on my home phone. Says I'll have to produce the papers to support my charges and will not accept the Spring Valley Chief's word for it either. I told him to go to Goshen himself then and show me Hughes was not convicted.

The Legion otherwise, though desperately wanting to retain this man, and several of them have sons in the troop, have individually said that "if nothing can be done after I have submitted all the recommendations to the top", then they will appoint a new Scoutmaster by name of McKee, presently serving as one of two A. S. M.'s. Their fear and Hughes also, is that his being forced out as S. M. even secretly will make him lose his school bus job and jeopardize his meagre antique and used furniture retail business also.

With no attempt to sit as a Judge, I do want to make one personal observation with which Pastor Muller concurs. He does not seem to be emotionally stable. Called me one of many times to tell me he just couldn't work, he was in back of store, crying etc. etc.

I also feel sure that the Legion and Hughes have kept the conviction record from the Rabbi, the bank V. P., the High School Principal and Mayor Rice, whom Jim and I know very closely. We do not believe they would write any letter if they knew of the case.

With our Annual Council meeting due December 15th, the time spent on this to date and the time you have to take to read all this is not justified and I don't want to hurt any man if he was guilty and has reformed or otherwise. Your experience with these cases and types must be greatly magnified and thus more experienced than mine (I've had enough, too!)

If you prefer to call me instead of write, do so. I can get on an upstairs extension if we need talk further about it. Otherwise give us a quick decision and we'll cooperate to the fullest.

Cordially yours,

*Ron*  
Ronald G. Pannell  
Scout Executive

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Enclosures: Letters from --

Fred D. Furman  
Charles B. Neff  
Arden B. Walling  
James P. Rice  
John H. Hunter, Jr.  
George H. Tompkins  
Rabbi Paul E. Schuchalter

Current Roster of Troop #123

R. G. P.

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SUFFERN, NEW YORK

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December 4, 1964

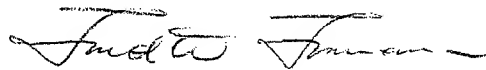
Mr. Ronald G. Pannell, Scout Executive  
Rockland County Council, B.S.A.  
Maple Avenue  
New City, New York

Dear Mr. Pannell:

I have known Charles Hughes for the past eight or nine years. He operates a used furniture and antique shop on Lafayette Avenue in Suffern, New York, and has also been a part time driver for the Ramapo Valley Rapid Transit Company for the past eight years.

Mr. Hughes has a good reputation locally and has always been active in youth work. I believe he would make a desirable volunteer for Scouting.

Sincerely yours,



Fred D. Furman  
Assitant Vice President

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SUFFERN HIGH SCHOOL  
RAMAPO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 1  
SUFFERN, NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE  
PRINCIPAL

December 3, 1964

PHONE - ELMWOOD 7-3800

Mr. Ronald Pannell  
18 Capral Lane  
New City, New York

Dear Sir:

Mr. Charles Hughes has asked that I serve as a character reference for him.

Mr. Hughes has been driving school buses for eight years and has proved to be an efficient, courteous, dependable person. I feel that his character is above reproach and feel proud that such a person is associated with our youth.

Mr. Hughes also operates an independent business in Suffern. To my knowledge, he is an extremely reliable and trustworthy person, with high moral standards.

In my estimation, you have made an excellent choice in your selection of Charles Hughes as a scoutmaster. He has my unqualified recommendation.

Yours very truly,

*Charles B. Neff*  
Charles B. Neff  
High School Principal

CBN/rmn

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GUSTAV H. LINDSTROM

FROMM-MAXWELL-DEBAUN  
POST No. 859



DEPT. OF

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SUFFERN, NEW YORK

COMMANDER  
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30 Washington Avenue  
Suffern, New York  
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8 Fairview Place  
Suffern, New York  
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F. H. ROESLER

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HISTORIAN  
JOHN H. HUNTER, JR.

December 4th, 1964

Mr. Ronald G. Pannell,  
18 Capri Lane,  
New City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Pannell:

In regards to Scoutmaster Charles Hughes character. He has proved himself beyond any doubt to be a man of good character and an outstanding person of value to the community.

He is the pride of American Legion Post 859, Suffern, N.Y. He has done an outstanding job with our scout troop. The scouts think the world of him and would be disallusioned if he were to be replaced.

I have known Charles Hughes for a considerable length of time and I believe his character is beyond reproach.

Sincerely,

*Arden B. Walling*  
Arden B. Walling  
Commander.

ABW;rlh.

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VILLAGE OF SUFFERN, N. Y.

OFFICE OF  
THE MAYOR


December 3, 1964

Mr. Ronald Pannell  
18 Chapral Lane  
New City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Pannell:

This is to state that I have known Charles Hughes for the past ten (10) years. I have always known him to be industrious, honest, and a very sincere citizen.

In addition, he has been one of the most outstanding Scout Leaders in the Village of Suffern, New York.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
James P. Rice  
Mayor

JPR:be

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"For God and Country"

FROMM-MAXWELL-DEBAUN

POST No. 859

DEPT. OF



NEW YORK

SUFFERN, NEW YORK

Boy Scouts of America  
Mr. RONALD DANNELL  
New City, N.Y.

DEC. 4, 1964

DEAR SIR,

I am writing this personal letter of recommendation for Charles Hughes in the hope it will help in keeping him as scout master of Troop #123.

I have known Charlie for the past three or four years and have worked closely with him in Legion Affairs and in the forming of Scout Troop #123. I have always found him to be a conscientious and trustworthy man, and I have complete faith in him.

When as Commander of Post 859, I asked him to take the post of Scout Master for the new Troop he was reluctant as he felt he didn't have the time necessary for the job. He did agree however, and he immediately started to form and mold it into the wonderful organization it is today. His Troop under his guidance has done a remarkable job, not only in scouting activities but also in community service.

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FROMM-MAXWELL-DEBAUN  
POST NO. 859

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SUFFERN, NEW YORK

Affairs. The Boys like and respect him as do their parents.

Charlie has run many money making affairs for the Legion as well as helping with parties and outings for our group of orphans. He is highly regarded by the members of the post and is a successful, hard working business man in Suffern.

In closing, I would recommend Charles Hughes for any job he feels capable of holding.

Sincerely yours

John H. Hunter Jr.  
Institutional Representative.  
Past Commander 1962-63 1963-64

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GEORGE H. TOMPKINS

POLICE JUSTICE

SUFFERN, N. Y. 10901

PHONE ELMWOOD 7-1000

December 4th, 1964

Mr. Ronald G. Pannell  
18 Capral Lane  
New City, New York

Dear Mr. Pannell:

It is indeed a pleasure and an honor to write this letter to you recommending and certifying to the character of Charles Hughes, who lives at 11 Washington Avenue, Suffern, New York. I have known Mr. Hughes for the past eight (8) years and he is in business on Lafayette Avenue, in the Village of Suffern, in antiques and used furniture. Over the last three (3) years, he has been very active in the American Legion and has become Vice-Commander of that organization. His reputation for honesty and character in this community is unimpeachable and through the period of years, I have had many business dealings with him for myself and my clients. Mr. Hughes also drives a school bus and is well thought of by both the school authorities and by the children riding the bus. My two children, one in kindergarten and the other in first grade, will not pass his store unless they say hello to "Charlie" the bus driver.

Once again may I state I can only recommend Mr. Hughes with the highest caliber.

If you need anything further in this matter, kindly contact me.

Very truly yours,



George H. Tompkins  
Police Justice  
Village of Suffern

GHT/chb

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SUFFERN, NEW YORK

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December 4, 1964

Mr. R. Pannell  
18 Capral Lane  
New City, New York

Dear Mr. Pannell,

I have known Mr. Charles Hughes of Suffern for the past Seven years and have always found him to be honest, sincere, and possessing an unusual devotion to the welfare of youngsters.

I first became acquainted with him as the bus driver who capably transported my children to and from public school. During the years I have also done business with him many times in his used furniture store.

I am therefore happy to recommend Charles Hughes as a person of fine character who can contribute much to the Scouting program because of his dedication to youth.

Any consideration given to him will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

*Paul E. Schuchalter*  
Rabbi Paul E. Schuchalter

PES/ds

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